

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entering these amendments, claims 2-15 will be pending.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The disclosure is objected to at page 34, line 30; page 34, lines 33 and 36; page 37, line 18 and page 40, lines 3 and 7 for reciting Formula (II) when "there is no disclosure of 'Formula (II)' anywhere in the specification". (May 23, 2003 Office Action, page 3) Applicants have amended the objected to sections of the specification to delete all references to "Formula (II)".

In light of the above amendments to the specification, applicants request the Examiner withdraw the objections to the specification as they are now moot.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants traverse.

The Examiner stated claim 1 and thereby claims 2-15 which depend from claim 1, defined variable S^{ag} as R^A or R^B and further variable T^{ag} is selected from formulae 1 to 11, wherein formulae 1 to 11 have substituents R^A and R^B . Applicants' amended claim 1 now defines variable S^{ag} as $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NR^{12}R^{13}$ or aryl substituted with 0-5 R^{33} ; and aryl is phenyl, pyridyl, or naphthyl. Further, applicants' amended claim 1 has maintained the definition of variable R^A and R^B .

In light of the above amendments to claim 1 and thereby claims 2-15, applicants request the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as they are now moot.


ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's statement that "[c]laims 1-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended, limiting to the elected invention of Group II and to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph". (emphasis added in original) (May 23, 2003 Office Action, page 4).

No fee is believed due for the filing of this Amendment; however, should any fee be found to be due please charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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